



LETTER TO THE MELVIN STUDENT

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"Short-term PROJECT & Long-term MINISTRY"

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I am finding there are two kinds of vision in front of us; sometimes short-term project, other times long-term ministry. Of course depend on the vision, or depend on the situation, that's up to God which mission are given us. We need to prepare for it, because sometimes it come in the one morning unexpectedly.

If so, what is the short-term project? and long-term ministry?

Let's look at my **short-term project** first. Once I and John talked about making university, my short-term project begun. But once we started and progressed, I had prepared a bit myself because I read some books on that short-term project. Of course they didn't say it's good for your short-term project, but I got their message just like God give me these message for my near future. I didn't know how definitely I needed those idea and concept for the project coming soon in the very front of me. I have done just what I have to do. I never done before this kind of project successfully. People don't understands what I am doing and why I am doing like that. Probably they think I am an eccentricity, and peculiar idiosyncrasy. Yes, that's true. Even I think myself, I was not normal, somewhat crazed to something. That's what I needed, also we need to do short-term project, and if we don't do that like this, it truly can't be done ever.

I met one pastor today and talked about how I made university, and I explained and said "the sooner the better." He wondered at first but soon he understand what I meant. Because sometimes we need to complete as soon as possible because today's people are busy so they can't wait forever, as someone they don't wait for ages. That's why to give urgency is necessary. Without urgency people ar not alert and the most they become medicare. Because they think no need to hurry. Anyway, we had done concentrated to make university in due time. What is the due time. I mean this that we need to decide when to finish, where is the finish line, when to land at that spot.

My **long-term ministry**. I opened small office for national ministry. Prior to open it, I used small corner office of one church where I was an assistant pastor in Seoul downtown. I have decided to do this ministry as my life-ministry, so need to decided take an action not only slogan but real action physically. I didn't know then how far I am going to and where to headed, but just decide to for helping for Korean churches. Definitely it was my original goal even it was widened to make university of this ministry. So started to help churches, and I followed exactly what the LPMI USA have been doing because Dr. Melvin¹⁾ were still alive and very active in the ministry. I think that day was the heyday of LPMI ministry in the States. Then Dr Melvin advised me two important tasks in the beginning, "to make TEAM and publish NEWSLETTER regularly." It was like heavenly mandate on me, so I kept it in my mind up to now, almost 30 years.

So I made team and publish newsletter right away. Easier to make newsletter than to make team. Anyway I began to make team. As Dr. Melvin advised I talk my vision, "to help Korean churches with this ministry," and "to spread this ministry to churches in Korea." Some of them, especially lay people responded more easily than pastors.

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